Claim 1 canceled.

2.　　　(previously amended) A camera apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said camera-body portion is held in a forward-leaning posture when it is in a taking-picture condition such that the light axis of the front side lens of said optical portion is made directly faced to the subject, so that holding feelings is improved in the taking-picture condition.

3.　　　(previously amended) A camera apparatus according to claim 7, wherein at least one of a strobe and a sound -collecting microphone is disposed near the front side lens of said optical portion.

4.　　　(previously amended) A camera apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the outer body portion by which the front side lens of said optical portion is protected becomes a grip region of said camera-body portion.

5.　　　(previously amended) A camera apparatus according to claim 7, wherein at least one of a sound-collecting microphone and a strobe is positioned at the outer body portion by which the front side lens of said optical portion is protected.

6.　　　Canceled.

7. (currently amended)　　　A camera apparatus comprising:

　　　　　a camera body portion;

　　　　　a display panel portion fixed to said camera body portion;

　　　　　an optical portion including an optical lens for taking a picture disposed at an upper portion of said camera body portion and having a pop-up portion pivotable between a closed housed position in said camera-body portion and a pop-up open position;

　　　　　wherein when said camera apparatus is in said closed housed position said lens is protected by an outside body portion;

　　　　　wherein when said camera apparatus is in said pop-up open position said optical portion is exposed in a picture taking mode; and

　　　　　said lens when in said pop-up position is disposed at an angle when said camera-body portion is held in a forward leaning posture which is less than 90° between a light axis of said lens and a direction parallel to a surface of said camera body on which the fingers of a user are placed when the user holds the said camera body for the taking a picture.

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